

IN THE U.S. PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Helge REYMANN  
 Application No.: NEW  
 Filed: September 4, 2001  
 For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR COATING A PRODUCT, IN  
 PARTICULAR A HIGH-TEMPERATURE COMPONENT OF A GAS  
 TURBINE

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
 Washington, DC 20231

SEPTEMBER 4, 2001

Sir:

The following preliminary amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

**IN THE ABSTRACT**

Please replace the Abstract with the attached revised Abstract.

**IN THE SPECIFICATION**

Please replace the original specification with the Substitute Specification attached hereto.

**IN THE CLAIMS**

Please replace the original claims with the following new claims:

1. (Amended) A method of coating a gas turbine blade with a metallic anti-oxidation coating in a vacuum plant, comprising:  
 heating the gas turbine blade in the vacuum plant, from room temperature to a gas turbine blade temperature,

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